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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: May 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Department of Parks and Recreation
Revenue Generation Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: B19-85

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation (“Department”) to receive and spend funds from real estate developers seeking relief from zoning laws by way of the Planned Unit Development (“PUD”) process and from advertisements and sponsorships promoting healthy lifestyles at recreation sites. Funds would be authorized to be spent for Department programs and properties.

A PUD¹ is a special, multipurpose project where the District’s Zoning Commission tailors zoning standards specific to the particular project. Many PUD projects offer a community benefits package in exchange for greater zoning flexibility on the site known as “proffers.” Cash proffers specifically for neighborhood parks would be a source of revenue authorized by this legislation. The Department does not currently receive any such funds.

¹ Zoning Commission website: <http://dcoz.dc.gov/services/zoning/commish.shtm>

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have a negative impact on the District's budget and financial plan. Once implemented, the program could generate revenues for the Department, but without any specific plans, the potential revenue cannot be estimated at this time.